

HOUSE WILL ADOPT THE TOLL REPEAL

Believed Lower Body Will
Pass Measure by Sixty
Votes.

PARTY SOLIDIFIED.

President Wilson is Nurturing No
Grudges and Has No Intention of
Retaliating Upon Opponents.

Washington, March 30.—After a Sabbath of rest, the warring factions in the House resumed the toll debate this afternoon, and, from that hour until the final vote on the administration repeal bill, there will be a constant flow of oratory. Approximately ten hours of discussion are yet to come.

Representative Montague, of Virginia supported the repeal bill. He declared that in interpreting the Baltimore platform pledge in favor of free tolls democrats must choose between the ancient Jeffersonian democratic policy forbidding subsidies and following the doctrine of the republican party advocating subsidies. "I choose the time worn democratic policy."

Speaker Clark is the headliner among those yet to speak, although Minority Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdock are to make arguments against the repeal bill.

Despite the fact that Speaker Clark will attack the bill in a speech of an hour's duration tomorrow, administration supporters of the House claim that the repeal proposal is not in danger and they will have a majority of sixty votes in the lower body.

Washington, March 30.—The whole effect of the tolls fight upon the Democratic organization in the House already is becoming apparent.

Not only has the party failed to live up to the hopes of the opposition, but by developing a split within itself, but evidences are accumulating to justify the expectation of President Wilson that the contest will result in greater legislative efficiency on the part of the majority organization. There is a growing disposition in the Democratic membership to accept the general utterance by President Wilson long ago, that in order that there be legislation there must be a location of responsibility, and out of this acceptance necessarily will come a surer compactness and cohesion for future conflicts.

President Wilson is admittedly more definitely than ever the leader of the Democratic party. A Democratic Congressman who voted against the administration on the tolls rule declared that on every hand it is recognized that it is only under the Wilson leadership that the Democratic party can hope to retain the confidence of the country and its position as the party in power.

Retrospective admiration for the acumen with which Mr. Wilson set the issue for the tolls fight is increased by the fine manner in which he has accepted his victory.

The President has let it be known that he retains no rancor against the men within his own party who opposed the administration. He thought of making reprisals had not entered his mind. He is pleased that the larger part of his party in the House has acknowledged his right, under the constitution to direct the foreign policy of the Government, and have voted their confidence in his judgment on matters vitally pertaining to the foreign policy. His is not a gloating pleasure, however, and there is no element of vindictiveness in his mental attitude toward the men who by their votes on Friday, wittingly or not, stood in the way of a smooth course for this Government's foreign relations.

The President is resolved to forgive and forget and he will not initiate a fight against any men in the house organization. He will play hands off and leave the Democrats to select their own leaders, but many persons are not yet convinced that his lack of resentment will deter certain of his supporters from insuring against further emergencies by placing the titular leadership of their number in the hand of men who tested loyalty to the administration. The belief will not

FIGHT IN BATH ROOM.

Deadly Attack on Proprietor of Moving Picture Show.

Atlantic City, March 30.—When Constable Nusbaum entered the home of Harry Moore, at No. 1403 Memorial avenue, yesterday with a warrant charging the man with a misdemeanor, he found his intended prisoner in a semi-conscious condition, with a dangerous knife wound in his abdomen and his face battered almost beyond recognition. Moore was rushed to the City Hospital, where his condition is said to be critical. John Cooney, a well-known contractor, was arrested shortly afterward on the charge of atrocious assault and is held at the city jail without bail, pending the result of Moore's injuries.

Moore is an operator at an Atlantic avenue motion picture house, and Miss Eva Cooney, the beautiful 18-year-old daughter of his alleged assailant, is employed in the box office of the house. Despite the protests of her father, Miss Cooney is said to have become intimate with Moore and his wife, who frequently accompanied her home from the theatre. All three were met by Cooney late Saturday night, and Moore was then warned that he would have to answer for the consequences if he were again seen with the girl. Yesterday at noon Cooney, while in a towering rage, is alleged to have forced his way into the Moore home, and to have grappled with the operator as he was leaving the bathroom, clad only in his night clothing. Mrs. Moore rushed to her husband's aid, but she claims to have been felled by a vicious blow by Cooney.

In the terrific struggle that then followed between the two men the furniture of the apartment is said to have been demolished, and Cooney is alleged to have ceased his attack only when his opponent was rendered helpless. Prior to his visit to the Moore home Cooney had gone to the office of Magistrate Southester, where a warrant was issued charging Moore with a statutory offense, alleged to have been committed in March. Unable to control his feelings, Cooney, it is asserted, hurried to the Moore home, where the struggle occurred, and then returned to the Magistrate's office, where he met the constable with the warrant. Cooney was on his way with the constable back to the Moore home when he was placed under arrest by Detective Apple. Mrs. Moore went to the hospital, but her husband's condition was such that she was not permitted to see him.

In his cell at the city jail Cooney freely discussed the encounter with Moore and the causes leading up to it. "I'm sorry that I did not have a gun and kill him," he is reported as saying. He says he used no knife and cannot explain the presence of the stab wound from which Moore suffers.

JUMPS INTO POTOMAC.

Suffering from the hallucination that he was being pursued by a crowd of several hundred men, James S. Brown, 29 years old, a brakeman, living at Potomac, Va., plunged into the river near Aqueduct Bridge yesterday afternoon.

Barney McIntyre, of Clarendon, Va., and Albert Schley, of Park Lane, Va., were fishing from a small boat nearby. They rowed to where Brown was floundering helplessly in the swift current, pulled him aboard the boat and took him ashore. An ambulance was called and he was taken to the Georgetown University Hospital.

down despite the peace talk emanating from the White House that the elections of House officers to follow the coming Congressional elections will seat another man than Champ Clark in the speaker's chair.

The motive behind Mr. Clark's eleventh hour attack upon the administration, it is declared, stand more clearly than ever revealed by reports circulated at the Capitol. It is said that among those who busied themselves in an effort to rally the old Clark strength, Thursday night and Friday forenoon, were former Senator Fred T. DuBois and others of the clique who managed and mismanaged things for the Speaker at the Baltimore convention. The arguments which these men used are said to have born a strange similarity to those employed by them in the fight against the Wilson candidacy at Baltimore.

WILSON INDIGNANT AT CHARGE OFFERS

Manifests Resentment at Allegations That He is Party To Compact.

REGRETS SITUATION.

Expresses His Indignation at the Fact That the Issue Has Degenerated into an Attack on Him.

Washington, March 30.—President Wilson is greatly incensed at what he regards as gratuitous insults aimed at him by opponents of the tolls repeal.

The charge made by Congressman Knowland, of California that the President had entered into an agreement with Sir William Terrell, private secretary to Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, whereby the free tolls clause would be repealed. Mr. Wilson regards as a crowning insult of a number offered in the tolls debate.

He expressed this morning to callers great regret that what promised to be a dignified contest had seemed to degenerate in an attempt to discredit the administration. He deprecated the fact that such a turn should be given to the discussion of an important public affair.

The President made it plain that he was not charging even a majority of the opposition with a deliberate attempt to turn the tide of the debate into a cheap attack on the administration, but indicated his belief that there were those who by their utterances had given the debate such a turn.

President Wilson has no fear of the outcome. He believes the repeal bill will be passed, and he has no fear of the effect of the debate on the political future of the party. Nor will he entertain for a moment any suggestion of a compromise.

This morning he called attention to what he regards as an unjustifiable inconsistency between two planks in the Democratic party. He pointed to the fact that in one portion of the platform the party reiterates its well established principle against ship subsidies, direct or indirect.

He regards the free tolls clause as an indirect subsidy; consequently, he believes that the platform endorsement of the tolls exemption is inconsistent with the other planks.

He does not believe that there is any room for choice between a well established principle of the party and a policy which violates that principle.

James Gordon Bennett Ill.

Cairo, March 30.—James Gordon Bennett, owner of the New York Herald, is seriously ill at the Helopolis Hotel, at Helopolis, near Cairo. Dr. Milton, his physician, said that he is suffering from an attack of grippe.

If Mr. Bennett remained on his private yacht on the Suez canal the physician feared his life would be in danger. Despite the opposition of Mr. Bennett, Dr. Milton insisted that on his removal to Helopolis. It is said that Dr. Milton has every hope of his patient's recovery.

Notice to Gas Consumers.

Gas Bill for quarter ending March 31, 1914, having been delivered, this is to notify all gas consumers that all bills paid on or before April 1, 1914, are entitled to discount of 30 cents per thousand cubic feet. After that date no discount will be allowed and all delinquents will be required to make early settlement.

By order of Committee on Light.

J. B. WALLER,
Clerk of Gas.

Steamed Hard Shell and Deviled Crabs, and Cherrystone Clams at the Rammel Cafe daily.

FUNERAL OF C. FLEISCHMANN.

Remains of Veteran Hotel Keeper Placed at Rest.

The funeral of Carl Fleischmann, veteran hotel proprietor, was held this morning at nine thirty o'clock from St. Mary's Church.

Previous to the services at the church Alexandria Lodge of Elks met in their home in Prince street, and after holding a "Lodge of sorrow" escorted the remains from the Hotel Fleischmann to the church and afterwards to St. Mary's cemetery where the burial took place.

There was a large number of the friends of Mr. Fleischmann present at the church services, which were conducted by the Rev. H. J. Cutler, assisted by the Rev. L. F. Kelly.

The following were the pallbearers: George H. Schwarzmann, J. Fred Birrell, Frederick P. Russell, James B. Fitzgerald, Lorenzo Wolford, V. T. Bain and R. M. Cullum, all of Alexandria, and J. Perreard, of Washington. At the grave the impressive services of the Elks' ritual was said by Exalted Ruler James W. Dales and the officers of Alexandria Lodge of Elks. A solo, "The Vacant Chair," was sung by R. L. Wenzel.

The funeral of J. Carlin Creighton was held this afternoon from the residence, 1102 King street. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. W. Duffey, pastor of the Washington street M. E. Church South.

Funeral services for Margaret E. Roxby, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roxby, who died yesterday morning as the result of falling into a tub of scalding water, will take place tomorrow afternoon from the residence, 435 north Columbus street.

SPRING OPENING.

D. Bendheim & Sons Have Beautiful Line of New Spring Goods.

The spring opening of D. Bendheim and Sons commenced this morning and will continue tomorrow and Wednesday. Despite the threatening weather there were a large number of shoppers who enjoyed seeing the beautiful lines which the well known firm carries. The store was handsomely decorated in flowers and palms and the goods were displayed in a manner that appealed to all that saw them.

While the satins, silks and dress goods on the first floor attracted many of the shoppers the second floor where the display of Easter suits and gowns were exhibited was the main attraction for many of the shoppers. Here were found many exquisite models of the very latest in and outdoor wearing apparel in a bewildering number of colors and shades. The exquisite taste which is shown in all the purchases made by the Bendheim's was more in evidence this year than ever before.

PROPOSED NEW TRUCK HOUSE.

Old Landmarks Soon to Give Way for Modern Structure.

The three small antiquated frame buildings adjoining the Relief Hook and Ladder truck house on the east of Prince street, will soon be among the things of the past, and these old landmarks which have been passed and repassed by thousands during the three or four decades will exist only in memory.

Long before the outbreak of the civil war the house adjoining the truck house was occupied by an aged colored woman known as "Aunt" Arie, who enjoyed a reputation for preparing taffy at one cent a cake. Many who are now grandfathers will remember patronizing "Aunt" Arie during their school days.

The late John Churchman conducted a bakery in the house on the alley long before the Mexican war, and up to breaking out of the civil war structure adjoining the engine house was used by the late John Birrell as a tinsorial saloon.

The old Churchman bakery was many years ago used as a confectionery and toy shop by a German named Steiff, who was a book binder in the Gazette office. He was succeeded by William Tatspaugh. During the war this building was used as a bakery by different persons.

Later all three of the houses were used as dwellings, and subsequently as oyster shops, second-hand stores, and for other purposes.

Some of the windows have been removed and the structures are now awaiting demolition.

TORREON STREETS RUN WITH BLOOD

Machine Guns Keep up Murderous Fire With Mine Explosions.

MANY MOWED DOWN.

Velasco Said to be Hemmed in—Unconfirmed Report That Villa Was Wounded in Conflict.

El Paso, Tex., March 30.—Mines exploded in streets of Torreon, under the feet of the onrushing rebel hosts, and the rain of bullets from machine guns secreted behind parapets of every adobe house, are responsible for the heavy loss of life in the seven-day battle which is still in progress.

Hemmed in on all sides, General Velasco and his loyal federal brigade, is still holding Villa's men at bay at the plaza of Torreon.

Passengers from Chihuahua, who reached here today, brought tales of the fighting in Torreon which confirm the general opinion that the battle is the most sanguinary in the history of Mexico. The hospitals of Chihuahua are filled with federal officers and men wounded in the week's engagement.

Velasco by his daring stand in the face of almost certain death is hailed as the newest hero of the revolution. It is believed he cannot hold off the invaders much longer, because neither he nor his men had proper nourishment and but little sleep during the siege.

There has been no confirmation of a report that General Villa himself has been wounded. Constitutionalist officials at Chihuahua deny it, but a wounded soldier who arrived there saw the rebel commander-in-chief borne from the battlefield and taken to the rear for treatment.

Stories told by constitutionalist soldiers show that the Lerdo, Gomez Palacio and Sacramento battles, which preceded the attack on Torreon itself, were desperate in the extreme. General Velasco succeeded in drawing Villa's men into two disastrous traps.

In the first Gomez Palacio attack, the federals fought desperately, for a shot time, and then retreated toward Torreon. Villa sent his cavalry forward at a gallop to ride down the federals and followed with his main column of infantry. As soon as they rushed into Gomez Palacio, the rebels found themselves in an ambush.

Mines were exploded in the streets under them, and mowed the rebels down by the scores. Before the surprised Villa could reorganize his shattered forces and withdraw, his loss was enormous. Immediately Velasco's troops re-occupied Gomez Palacio, and held it until Thursday morning against terrible odds.

At Sacramento, Gen. Eugenio Benavides' Zaragosa brigade, which had borne the brunt of the fighting up to that time, was also led into a trap, narrowly escaped annihilation. The federals used almost the same methods, but their mines and hidden machine guns were less effective than at Gomez Palacio later.

One-quarter of the whole brigade had been killed or wounded before Benavides rallied them and renewed the attack. The survivors of the brigade covered themselves with honor in this battle, charging on the run over the bodies of their fallen comrades to sweep away the federal defenders and take the town. The engagement gave Villa the control of the railroad situation eastward from Torreon. It is said General Benavides himself was wounded here, but this has not been confirmed.

What purported to be a private message received from El Paso was said to have contained information from Torreon that, in addition to the Cerro de la Cruz, the rebels have captured the curatel general and two smaller curatels. This dispatch said between 900 and 1,000 rebels had been slain and as many more wounded.

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Sperow and a posse ave started out from Martinsburg for the West Virginia mountains, bent on capturing several camps of illicit distillers.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mary A. Harper, five weeks old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harper, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 505 Fairfax South street. The funeral took place this morning.

There will be a meeting of Marley Encampment of Odd Fellows at the Odd Fellows Hall on North Columbus street tonight.

Eugene B. Taylor will deliver an illustrated travel lecture tonight in Christ Church parish hall.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at 713 Cameron street.

Attention is directed to the notice of the Clerk of Gas. Discount period expires April 1st. All bills paid after that time will be charged at gross rates.

WOMAN KILLED BY BEAR.

Mute Evidence of Deadly Encounter in Montana.

Helena, Mont. March 30.—Tattered remains of a woman's dress, the skeleton of a bear with a bullet hole through the head, and the skeleton of a dog beneath an outstretched paw, are the mute evidence of a tragedy on the wooded slopes of Jackson Creek beyond Montana City, discovered by a prospector while exploring for mineral.

Pierce is the finder's name, and he told Thos. Sweeney, assistant cashier of the Thomas Cruse Bank, about it when he was out there recently, and the two of them are going back when the snow is melted, to try to find the woman's remains.

There is no doubt at all in Pierce's mind that the woman had been berrying when she encountered the bear. As the animal charged her she fired and the bullet penetrated the brain, but did not cause instant death. The brute kept coming, and struck her down with a single blow from its mighty paw, then scurried from its mighty paw, then scurried her clothing off in huge sweeps with its claws. The dog sprang to the defense of its mistress. Turning, the bear struck at it, and itself fell dead, the crushed body of the dog pinned tight by the heavy paw.

The tragedy could not have happened very many years ago, or else the faded bits of woman's clothing that Pierce found hanging on the brush near the two skeletons would have rotted away.

Coyotes could pick the bodies of the dog and bear clean in a night, and the frost and sun would quickly bleach the bones.

Pierce does not believe the woman was killed instantly by the bear, but that she was badly wounded and lacerated by the sharp claws. When the dog rushed in and the bear turned to it the berry-picker crawled away in the thick brush and expired.

The discovery was made toward midnight by Pierce, and he intended returning shortly to look for the woman's skeleton, when snow came, forcing a postponement of the search.

ASQUITH MEETS SITUATION.

Premier by Coup D'Etat Saves British Cabinet.

London, March 30.—One of the most adroit moves in the history of English politics was made by Premier Asquith today when he accepted the resignation of Col. J. E. B. Seely as war secretary, assumed the portfolio himself, and then, by a clever maneuver, made it possible for him to go before the country for endorsement on his cabinet's policy on home rule without the entire ministry resigning. The unexpected manner in which the premier met the opposition's attempts to overthrow his government as a result of the army tangle, threw the coalition forces into a frenzy of excited approval, even though Asquith did announce that Field Marshal Sir John French and Gen. John Spencer Ewart stood firm in their intention to resign.

DEATH NOTICE.

Margaret Evelyn Roxby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roxby, died Sunday morning. Funeral will take place from the parents' residence, 435 North Columbus street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Interment private.

SUSQUEHANNA ON THE RAMPAGE

Damage and Inconvenience Reported in Places in Pennsylvania.

WATERS ARE FALLING.

Floods Cut Off Traffic in Wyoming Valley and Fill Salvaged Mine—River Two Miles Wide.

Harrisburg, March 30.—Up-State has seen the crest of the flood, and it was moving southward last night. Danville, Newport and Harrisburg are points which it probably will reach today. The rising tide is now making its approach felt in that portion of the Susquehanna that flows between York and Lancaster counties, a six-foot flood pouring over the McCall's Ferry power dam being the highest stage ever seen there. Meanwhile, up-State is still in the grip of the waters as far as communication is concerned at flooded points.

Tributaries of the Susquehanna River were reported as falling, last night, by the State Water Supply Commission, which had been in telephonic communication with its field men and observers throughout the State.

The crest of the flood passed at Wilkes-Barre, yesterday the height being within an inch of the prediction by the Commission offices.

A height of 18 feet was reported in this city last night, and predictions of a 19-foot flood as the crest were made.

Reports from the Allegheny watershed showed heavy rains at Warren and Franklin, but the Allegheny was not dangerously high. High water was reported at various towns on the Delaware and Schuylkill.

Beyond the flooding of many cellars no damage was caused here.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. March 30.—For the past 24 hours, the Susquehanna River at this point has been practically stationary at 28 feet above low water mark. Early yesterday afternoon the water fell nearly four inches. At 4 o'clock it began rising slightly, but at 6 yesterday evening again began receding at the rate of about two inches an hour, the gauge at that hour registering 28.20.

The lowlands of the entire valley are submerged, the river opposite Wilkes-Barre being nearly two miles wide. Little damage has been done, however, but a rise of two feet would cause great damage.

Most of the families living in the Firwood, Breslau and Westmore sections have left their homes, the water being several inches deep on the first floors of many of the dwellings.

York, Pa., March 30.—Points along the York county side of the Susquehanna River last night report the stream at flood stage and rising. At Wrightsville the towpath was submerged, and along the level the stream covers fields.

It was reported at McCall's Ferry that a sixfoot flood was passing over the dam, the highest stage the waters has reached this season. Livestock and household furniture were seen floating down the stream at Shenk's Ferry.

Bloomsburg, Pa., March 30.—The crest of the flood in the Susquehanna was reached yesterday afternoon, and fears of a repetition of the floods of 1902 and 1904 allayed. The rising waters reached the track of the D. L. & W. this morning, and between Rupert and Catawissa they are covered three to six feet.

Gets Another \$10,000,000.

New York, March 30.—John Nicholas Brown, fourteen, is worrying today. Known for years as "the richest boy in the world," another \$10,000,000 has just been added to his fortune by a legacy from his grandfather, John Carter Brown, who died twenty-six years ago. With this total of \$22,000,000 he will be able to maintain his two residences in Newport and New York in proper style.